

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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Investment under NELP
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of oil and gas blocks offered/allotted to State owned Public Sector oil companies and private companies under New Exploration and Licensing Policy (NELP) in the eighth and ninth round of auction, company-wise;
- (b) whether the majority of investment under NELP has been made by Public Sector Oil companies or by private companies if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to attract more investments from Public Sector oil companies;
- (c) the number of foreign companies that participated in the last three rounds of auction and the reasons for the participation in the last round, company-wise; and
- (d) the corrective action taken by the Government to boost participation in tenth round of auction by Public Sector oil companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): Details of oil and gas blocks awarded to State owned Public Sector oil companies and private companies under New Exploration and Licensing Policy (NELP) in the eighth and ninth round of auction, company-wise are at Annexure

(b): The details of investment toward exploration and development activities under NELP made are as under

In Million US\$

Operator Type

Development

Exploratory

Grand Total

PSU

1870.38

10211.37

12081.75

Private

7822.22

4547.12

12369.34

Foreign

19.68

1264.20

1283.88

Grand Total

9712.29

16022.68

25734.98

In order to attract more investment in E&P sector, Government has approved a new Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP) for exploration and production of oil and gas which replaces existing New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP). This policy provides for a uniform licensing system to explore and produce all hydrocarbons such as oil, gas, coal bed methane, shale oil/gas, etc. under a single licensing framework Policy also provides many incentives such as reduced royalty rates for offshore blocks, marketing & pricing freedom and easy to administer revenue sharing model

(c) & (d): 35 foreign companies participated in the last three rounds i.e VII, VIII, and IV rounds of bidding. NELP was introduced in 1997 to provide a level playing fields to Foreign, Private and Public Sector Companies as well as to attract investments and technologies in E&P Sector. Under NELP, blocks were awarded through a transparent international competitive bidding process. Government has notified on 30th March 2016, a new Hydrocarbon and Exploration Licensing Policy (HELP) in place of NELP.
